

SENATE BILL 1672
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 50-5-103, 50-5-109(a), 50-5-111(1)(b), and 50-5-112 relative to the Child Labor Act of 1976.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-5-103, is amended by adding the following new sentence at the end of the section:

Any person who violates the provisions of §50-5-103 commits a Class D felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-5-109, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new language:

Before any minor may be employed or continue to be employed in connection with any gainful occupation, the employer shall require proof of the age of the minor employee or prospective employee by requiring the minor to provide the employer with a copy of the minor's birth certificate, passport, driver's license or state issued identification. If such evidence is not available, the parents or guardian shall appear with the minor before the judge or other officer of the juvenile court of the county in which the minor resides and shall make an oath as to the age of the minor.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-5-111(1)(B), is amended in the first paragraph by deleting the language "50-5-109(b)" and substituting instead the language "50-5-109".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-5-112 is amended by adding the following language as a new properly designated subsection:

Any person who violates the youth peddling provisions of this chapter commits a Class D felony.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-5-112, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (d) and by renumbering the existing subsections accordingly:

(d) Any person who violates the provisions of Section 50-5-103 shall, at the discretion of the commissioner, be subject to a penalty of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Each instance of a minor working in violation of the provisions of Section 50-5-103 shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.